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REMARKS


Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending in the application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's assistance in correcting the error made in the submission of the claims dated 12/13/04. As agreed upon in the phone interview with the Examiner, Claims 1-22 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 23-44, which were previously presented as original Claims 1-22 filed 2/16/01, have been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has stated that the only outstanding rejection is a statutory double patenting rejection based upon the claims submitted 12/13/04. Those claims have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 23-44 have been added using the designator of "Previously Presented" to indicate that these claims are identical, with the exception of numbering, to Claims 1-22 filed 2/16/01.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 23-44 are allowable and request notice to that effect. Further and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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